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SUBJECT: SC MEETING ON ME: NEXT STEPS

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1. FCO'S CRAIG HAS CONFIRMED MAIN POINTS OF ZAYYAT CONVERSATION WITH BRITISH AMBASSADOR JUNE 23 AS REPORTED BY OTHER ADDRESSEES. ZAYYAT PLANS TO TALK AGAIN WITH AMBASSADOR AFTER EGYPTIANS HAVE MULLED SITUATION OVER FOR A WEEK. HE HAS TOLD BRITISH NOT TO EXPECT ANOTHER VISIT TO LONDON. HE WANTS RESOLUTION, NOT CONSENSUS. HE USED POLITICAL ARGUMENT FOR SESSION IN GENEVA. HE DID NOT CONTEST BRITISH SUGGESTION THAT HE TALK TO USG BUT SHOWED NO ENTHUSIASM.

2. ADDITIONALLY, ZAYYAT REPLIED IN NEGATIVE WHEN ASKED IF CURRENT EGYPTIAN LINE ON PALESTINE MEANS EGYPT INTENDS TO RECOGNIZE PALESTINIAN GOVERNMENT- IN- EXILE. HE REITERATED EGYPTIAN POSITION THAT FUTURE OF ARAB PORTION OF PALESTINE MANDATE MUST BE DECIDED BY THE
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PALESTINIANS THEMSELVES. THIS WOULD NOT NECESSARILY
EXCLUDE JORDANIAN SOVEREIGNTY OVER WEST BANK.

3. CONTINUING FCO RECITAL OF EGYPTIAN SMART TRICKS
(SEE LONDON 7307, NOTAL) CRAIG TOLD US EGYPTIANS HAD
INFORMED FRENCH IN NEW YORK THAT BRITISH SUPPORT FRENCH
LANGUAGE VERSION OF RESOLUTION 242. FRENCH INQUIRED
AT FCO AND WERE TOLD THIS IS WRONG. ACCORDING TO CRAIG,
EGYPTIANS ALSO TALKED BRITISH NEW YORK DELEGATION INTO
SUPPORTING CALL FOR ADJOURNMENT OF DEBATE WITHOUT
CHECKING WITH LONDON, AND ZAYYAT THEN HAD GALL TO
ACT PUBLICLY AS IF HE WERE ONLY SUPPORTING MOVE DESIRED
BY BRITISH AND OTHERS. (COMMENT: ALL THESE FCO
REVELATIONS MAY INDICATE HIGH VALUE BRITISH PLACE
ON AVOIDING IRRITATION OF USG AS IN APRIL).
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